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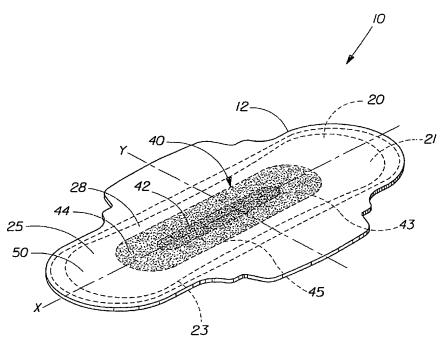
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(57) Abstract: The absorbent article (10) provides a signal viewable from the top surface of (28) the absorbent article which gives a perception of depth within the absorbent article. This creation of depth perception is accomplished by the use of at least two tones (42, 44) within a color and/or by the use of multiple tones and multiple colors operating together to create a perception of depth within the absorbent article.





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